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JOHN CHIANG Member, BOE

CHIANG ANNOUNCES FREE HELP FOR NORWALK AND SOUTHEAST AREA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

John Chiang, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), Fourth District announced today that the Norwalk BOE office and several federal, state, and local government agencies are holding a free, one-day tax fair for Norwalk and Southeast area small businesses.

RAMON J. HIRSIG Executive Director

Are you a business owner who is feeling overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements? Perhaps you're unsure if you can claim exemptions, or perhaps you would like to know how to be in compliance with federal wage and hour laws. Well, help is on the way.

Chiang said, "This is your opportunity to attend a variety of free workshops and talk to the experts. Representatives of the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Department of Labor, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies, will be present to answer your questions. If you are a small business owner, you won't want to miss this opportunity."

Date: Friday, June 11, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Place: Radisson Hotel Whittier
7320 Greenleaf Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602

The small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Chiang. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to meet the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- How to Prepare a Sales and Use Tax Return
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- Construction Contractor Classes
- Recordkeeping, IRS
- State and Federal Reporting and Depositing Requirements
- Home-Based Business, IRS

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (562) 466-1539; or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on Free Seminars under "Meet with Us" on the left-hand side of the home page.

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